(c) whether the officials concerned have been asked to explain the reasons for such irresponsible acts intentional/unintentional and what action have been taken in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Categorization of commercial users

167. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since categorized some of the telephone subscribers as commercial users;

(b) if so, the name of such categories;

(c) what are the extra levies on them; and

(d) since when these levies are applicable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMTTRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) As per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's Telecommunications Tariff (Twentieth Amendment) Order, 2002 issued on 14-03-2002. subscribers have been categorized as commercial and non-commercial subscribers. As per this amendment, the commercial subscribers are to be charged higher rental and permitted lower free calls w.e.f. 01-04-2002, as per Statement enclosed *(See* below). However, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited as operators have not yet. categorized any telephone as commercial users nor imposed any extra levies.

Statement

Details of monthly rental and free calls recommended by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India vide 20th Amendment to Telecommunications Tariff (Twentieth Amendment) Order, 2002 issued on 14-03-2002 for commercial subscribers of rural and urban areas.

(1) Rural Commercial Subscribers

(a) Monthly Rentals

Exchange system capacity (number of Lines)	Rental in Rupees
Upto 999	120
1,000—29999	160
30000—99999	220
1 Lakh and above	310
(b) Number of Free Calls (Monthly)	45

(2) Urban Commercial Subscribers

(a) Monthly Rentals

Exchange System Capacity (Number of Lines)	Rental in Rupees
Upto 29999	160
30000—99999	220
1 Lakh and above	310
(b) Number of Free Calls (Monthly)	30

Threat posed by China to LT. industry

168. SHRJ LAJPAT RAJ :

SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that China poses a real threat in Information Technology industry; and